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1. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED INITIATE ASAP PRELIMINARY DIS-
CUSSIONS SEEKING BRITISH AND FRENCH VIEWS ON WEST BERLIN
BROADCASTING PRIORITIES TO BE PURSUED AT ITU OCTOBER CON-
FERENCE. PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL NATURE THESE DISCUSSIONS
SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED, AS WE WILL NOT HAVE CLEAR IDEA OF
OUR PROSPECTS IN THIS AREA AT LEAST UNTIL COMPLETION OF
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MARCH 5 BONN MEETING WITH FRG. YOU MAY INFORM BRITISH AND

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FRENCH THAT WE WILL CONSULT FURTHER WITH THEM FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

2. SINCE MARCH 5 US/FRG MEETING IS ITSELF PRELIMINARY (WITH FURTHER MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER), WE CONSIDER IT PREMATURE TO CONSULT WITH OTHER FOREIGN OFFICES AT THIS TIME. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN AT MARCH 5 MEETING FRG'S PRELIMINARY THINKING ON GERMAN BROADCASTING NEEDS AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH FRG HAS OBTAINED CONCERNING

POSITIONS WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES MAY ADOPT AT OCTOBER CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT RPT NOT INTEND MAKE POLICY COMMITMENTS AT MEETING, WE WILL EXPLORE WITH FRG POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FALLBACK POSITIONS TO BE PURSUED IN (LIKELY) EVENT THAT ORIGINAL US/FRG POSITION (STATUS QUO) CANNOT BE MAINTAINED.

3. DEPARTMENT SHARES MISSION VIEW THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT RIGHTS OF ALLIED PROTECTING POWERS IN BERLIN BE SAFEGUARDED AND THAT WE SHOULD WORK OUT IN ADVANCE OF OCTOBER CONFERENCE THE LIMITS OF FRG REPRESENTATION OF ALLIED INTERESTS IN BERLIN. FYI: THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH FRG AT MARCH 5 MEETING, AND VARIOUS FORMULAE--INCLUDING PROCEDURAL NOTE SUGGESTED REF A--WILL BE EXPLORED. WE WILL ALSO SEEK FRG REACTION TO TREATING WEST BERLIN FREQUENCIES AS SEPARATE LIST FROM THOSE IN FRG, AS THIS WILL FACILITATE ANY RESERVATION WHICH WE MAY EVENTUALLY BE OBLIGED TO MAKE. END FYI.

4. EUR/CE REPRESENTATIVE AT MARCH 5 US/FRG MEETING, STEVEN E. STEINER, WILL BE IN BERLIN MARCH 12-14 (STATE 36455) AND, IF MISSION WISHES, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH.
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